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SUBJECT: FRENCH AGRICULTURAL POLICY

1. FRENCH AGRICULTURE MINISTER CHIRAC, IN TELEVISION INTERVIEW, WAS ASKED FOR HIS VIEWS ON PROSPECTS FOR FRUITFUL TRADE TALKS WITH U. S. HE SAID THAT FRANCE WOULD NEVER AGREE TO UNILATERAL CONCESSIONS IN AGRICULTURE AND SAID HE PERSONALLY WAS STaunchLY OPPOSED TO EC/ FRENCH GRANTING OF AGRICULTURAL CONCESSIONS IN RETURN FOR U. S. CONCESSIONS IN INDUSTRIAL SECTOR. ON OTHER HAND CHIRAC SAID HE WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTS NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO EXPANSION WORLD AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND TO INCREASES IN FARM INCOME. HE ADDED THAT

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BASIS FOR SUCH NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE RECIPROCAL CONCESSIONS IN

AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

2. TOUGH FRENCH POSITION ON ALL AGRICULTURAL POLICY MATTERS WAS ALSO HIGHLIGHTED AT YESTERDAY' S CABINET MEETING AT WHICH EC CAP PRICE ISSUE DISCUSSED. AT MEETING CHAIRED BY POMPIDOU LATTER GAVE CHIRAC " VERY FIRM INSTRUCTIONS" FOR TOMORROW" S OPENING SESSION
OF EC AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS IN LUXEMBOURG. AT SAME MEETING PRIME MINISTER MESSMER DESCRIBED PRESENT EC IMPASSE OVER CAP PRICES AS ONE OF MOST SERIOUS CRISIS EC HAS KNOWN.

COMMENT: THIS IS FURTHER EVIDENCE, IF ANY WERE NEEDED, OF THE OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE GOF ATTACHES TO AGRICULTURE IN BOTH EC AND TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. DECON 4/30/74
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